

REMARKS

The applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicant acknowledges and appreciates receiving initialed copies of the forms PTO-1449 that were filed on 5 September 2003 and 9 November 2004.

Claims 1-7 are pending. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the drawings, with regard to numbered paragraph 1 of the office action, reference symbol 40 has been added to Fig. 5. As for the symbol "O" the specification has been amended to remove this symbol. Therefore, no drawing change has been made with regard to this symbol. Also, as for symbol 63a, the specification has been amended to remove the reference to this symbol, so it has not been added to the drawings.

As for numbered paragraph 2 of the office action, the lines representing the cross sectional planes have been relabeled. Plane I-I has been changed to A-A, and plane II-II has been changed to B-B. Although 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3) recommends that the ends of the planes be labeled with the corresponding view numbers, this would be confusing in this case, because several views share the same cross sectional planes. Note that 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3) uses the word

"should" so such labeling is not required. The specification has been changed to reflect the alphabetic labeling of the cross sectional planes. This change is considered to address the examiner's concerns and to clarify the specification.

In Fig. 5, the lead line for reference number 23a has been changed to a broken line to indicate the opening of the casing, and in Fig. 7, "37b" has been changed to "50a" as suggested by the examiner.

Further, in Fig. 5 of the drawings, the words "OUT" and "IN" have been removed. These labels were determined to be inaccurate. The description in the specification that used these labels has been clarified and the words "OUT" and "IN" have likewise been removed.

In addition, in Fig. 3, the lead line for number 50a has been changed to indicate the hole in the assembling piece 50.

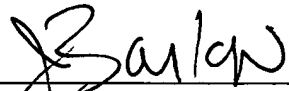
Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

The term "general portion" has been changed to "peripheral portion" throughout the application, as suggested by the examiner. Further, all of the changes suggested by the examiner in numbered paragraph 7 of the office action have been made. Therefore, any indefiniteness has been removed, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Figs 1, 3, 5, and 7. The changes are described in detail in the Remarks section of this paper.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets